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Amendments to the Claims

Please replace claims 1-17 with the following amended claims 1-35:

1. **(Previously presented)** A metal lip jig rig, comprising:
 - a lip, the lip having a front portion and a back portion to help the lip jig rig sink when placed in water;
 - a punched out strap integral with the lip that is used to receive a fishing line, the punched out strap having two ends each attached to the lip;
 - a first aperture on the front portion of the lip;
 - a second aperture on the back portion of the lip;
 - a hook attached to the lip at an area between the first aperture and the second aperture, wherein said hook is attached to the lip by molded material encasing an end of the hook and the area between the first and the second aperture; and
 - a plurality of spurs on the area provided between the back portion and the front portion of the lip.

Claims 2-11. **(Canceled)**

12. **(Previously presented)** The lip rig jig according to claim 1, wherein the spurs constitute bait holders that are formed on the molded material encasing.
13. **(Previously presented)** The lip jig rig according to claim 1, wherein the lip is teardrop-shaped.

Claims 14-15. **(Canceled)**

16. **(Previously presented)** The lip jig rig according to claim 1, wherein the metal lip is made of non-toxic metal.

17. **(Previously presented)** The lip jig rig according to claim 1, wherein the lip is of a plastic.

18. **(New)** A non-toxic fishing sinker comprising:

a body comprising:

a substantially flat, broad lip portion with a rounded outer edge tapering into a substantially flat, narrow elongated neck portion having substantially parallel opposed sides;

a first aperture at an end of the neck portion opposite the lip portion;

means for receiving a fishing line; and

means for promoting sinking of the sinker when exposed to a flow of water.

19. **(New)** The fishing sinker as recited in claim 18, wherein the means for promoting sinking comprises a raised edge on the broad lip portion.

20. **(New)** The fishing sinker as recited in claim 18, wherein the means for promoting sinking comprises positioning the broad lip portion whereby the broad lip portion is non-planar with the narrow elongated neck portion.

21. **(New)** The fishing sinker as recited in claim 18, wherein the means for promoting sinking further comprises means to promote wobbling of the sinker when exposed to a flow of water.

22. **(New)** The fishing sinker as recited in claim 18, wherein the body further comprises a plurality of spurs projecting from the body.

23. (New) The fishing sinker as recited in claim 18, wherein the sinker further comprises at least one fish hook mounted to the body.

24. (New) The fishing sinker as recited in claim 23, wherein the at least one fish hook comprises a shank, and wherein the shank is mounted to the neck portion of the body.

25. (New) The fishing sinker as recited in claim 18, wherein the means for receiving the fishing line comprises a strap punched out from the broad lip portion.

26. (New) The fishing sinker as recited in claim 18, further comprising at least one lead line having a first end mounted to the body and a second end, and at least one hook mounted to the second end.

27. (New) The fishing sinker as recited in claim 18, wherein the body further comprises at least one second aperture spaced from the first aperture.

28. (New) The fishing sinker as recited in claim 27, wherein the at least one second aperture is positioned in the broad lip portion.

29. (New) The lip jig rig according to claim 1, wherein the punched out strap comprises a strap protruding from the lip.

30. (New) The lip jig rig according to claim 1, wherein a plurality of spurs comprise bendable wire.

31. (New) The lip jig rig according to claim 31, wherein the bendable wire is adapted to retain one of a second hook and bait.

32. (New) The lip jig rig according to claim 1, wherein the molded material comprises a smooth surface.

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33. (New) The lip jig rig according to claim 1, wherein the molded material comprises one of a non-toxic metal and a plastic polymer.

34. (New) The lip jig rig according to claim 1, wherein the lip comprises raised edges.

35. (New) The lip jig rig according to claim 1, wherein the lip rig jig is formed in the shape of one of a teardrop and a triangle.